

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 57-105 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, Claims 57-105 have been rejected. By the above amendment, Claims 57, 94, 104 and 105 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 57-105 are currently pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Within the Office Action, Claims 57-73, 77-82, 85-91, 93-102, 104 and 105 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,594,682 to Peterson et al. (hereinafter "Peterson"). Peterson teaches a client-side system for scheduling delivery of web content and locally managing the web content. The client-based system of Peterson enables the user to browse previously collected content offline from the server with similar functionality to online operation. Peterson teaches that a browser has a content indexing subsystem to retrieve an index from a cache of downloaded data and present the index to the user through a user interface. [Peterson, col. 9, line 66 - col. 10, line 1] Peterson also teaches that the index lists the available web content that is stored in the cache and enables the user to select or reject certain types of content. [Peterson, col. 10, lines 1-3] [Peterson does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels.] [Peterson also does not teach a graphical user interface which includes a means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels.]

In contrast to the teachings of Peterson, the web channel guide graphical user interface system and method of the present invention provide a new and improved system for enabling a user to rapidly and conveniently navigate among and obtain access to internet websites and one or more television channels. The internet websites accessible through the system may be internet websites commonly accessed and selected by the user, or internet websites selected for the user which are of substantially high quality and entertainment value, and which are relevant to topics of interest to the user. The system further enables efficient navigation among the relevant internet websites and also enables integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. As discussed above, Peterson does not teach a graphical user interface which includes

a means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels.

The independent Claim 57 is directed to a system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites. The system of Claim 57 comprises a graphical user interface which includes means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels, means for enabling selection of and access to one of an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling means, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category and means for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling means so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. As discussed above, Peterson does not teach a graphical user interface which includes means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 57 is allowable over the teachings of Peterson.

The Claims 58-73, 77-82, 85-91 and 93 are all dependent on the independent Claim 57. As discussed above, the independent Claim 57 is allowable over the teachings of Peterson. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 58-73, 77-82, 85-91 and 93 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 94 is directed to a method of enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels, in a system which includes a graphical user interface, including means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels, means for enabling selection of and access to an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling means, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category, and means for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling means so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web

channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. The method of Claim 94 comprises enabling the displaying of the graphical user interface, enabling the displaying of the array of the web channels, enabling the selecting of the one or more television channels within the graphical user interface, enabling the user to select one of the array of the web channels and to obtain access to one of the plurality of the related and associated Internet websites and enabling the user to customize at least one of the array of web channels. As discussed above, Peterson does not teach a graphical user interface which includes a means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels. Further, Peterson does not teach enabling the selecting of the one or more television channels within the graphical user interface. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 94 is allowable over the teachings of Peterson.

The Claims 95-102 are all dependent on the independent Claim 94. As discussed above, the independent Claim 94 is allowable over the teachings of Peterson. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 95-102 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 104 is directed a system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels. The system of Claim 104 comprises a graphical user interface, which includes an Internet website selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, a television channel selection enabling element for enabling selection of the one or more television channels, a web channel selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling element, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category and a web channel customization enabling element for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling elements so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. As discussed above, Peterson does not teach a graphical user interface which includes an Internet website selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and a television channel selection enabling element for enabling selection of the

one or more television channels. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 104 is allowable over the teachings of Peterson.

The independent Claim 105 is directed to a method of enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels, in a system which includes a graphical user interface, including means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels, means for enabling selection of and access to an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling means, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category, and a customizing element for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling means so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. The method of Claim 105 comprises enabling the displaying of the graphical user interface, enabling the displaying of the array of the web channels, enabling the selecting of the one or more television channels within the graphical user interface, enabling the user to select one of the array of the web channels and to obtain access to one of the plurality of the related and associated Internet websites and enabling the user to customize at least one of the array of web channels. As discussed above, Peterson does not teach a graphical user interface including means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and means for enabling selection of and access to one or more television channels. As also discussed above, Peterson does not teach enabling the selecting of the one or more television channels within the graphical user interface. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 105 is allowable over the teachings of Peterson.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Within the Office Action, Claims 75, 76 and 84 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson. The Claims 75, 76 and 84 are all dependent on the independent Claim 57. As discussed above, the independent Claim 57 is allowable over the teachings of Peterson. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 75, 76 and 84 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Within the Office Action, Claims 74, 83, 92 and 103 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,501 to Schien et al. The dependent Claims 74, 83 and 92 are all dependent on the independent Claim 57. The dependent Claim 103 is dependent on the independent Claim 94. As discussed above, the independent Claims 57 and 94 are both allowable over the teachings of Peterson. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 74, 83, 92 and 103 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be greatly appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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